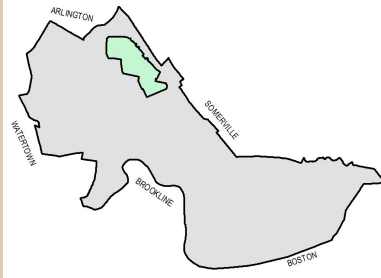


Starting in April 2014....

Cambridge is starting a one-year pilot program for curbside compost pickup! Participation is voluntary. Please tell your neighbors about the program. The City's goal is to recruit 500-800 households from a specific section of North Cambridge (in green on the map). This is an exciting initiative for the Cambridge community as we become more green and sustainable.

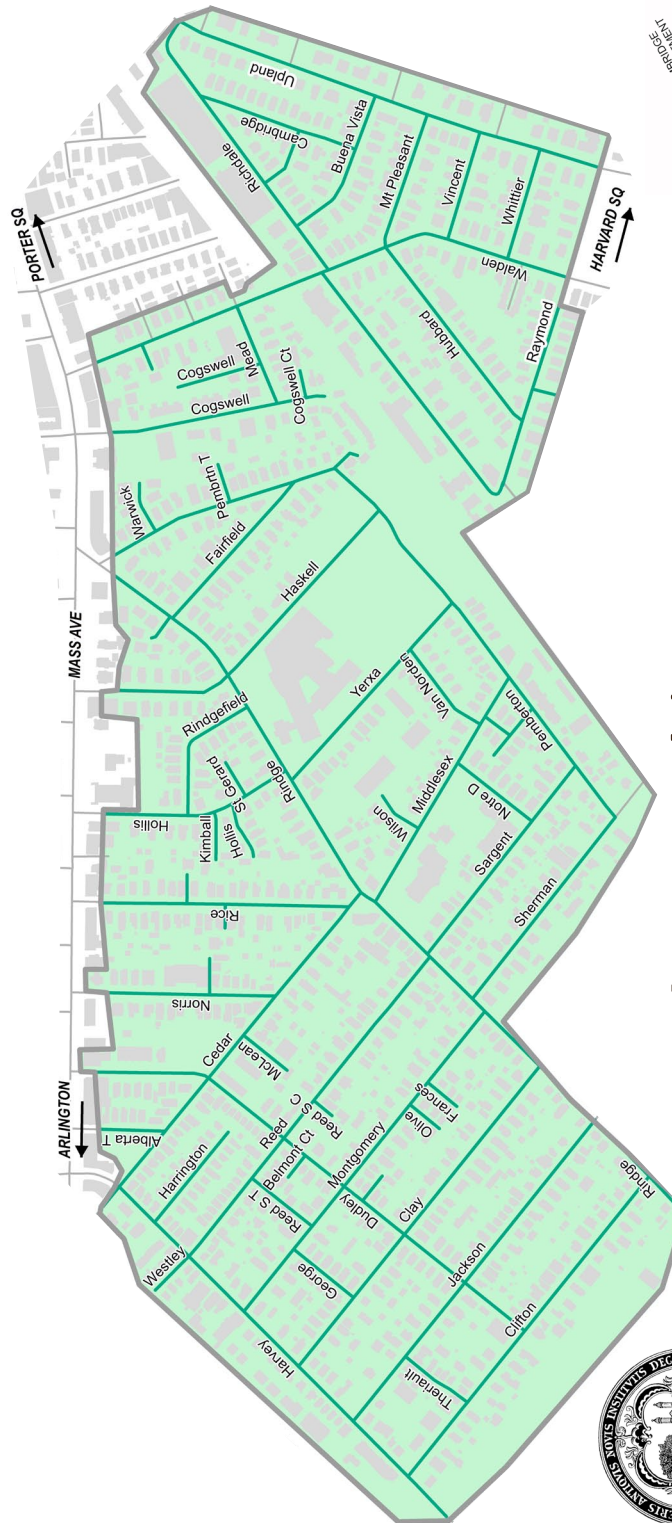


If you want to participate:

- 1** You must live in the green area on the neighborhood map.
- 2** Your residence must get City trash service.
- 3** Your home can be a single family, or a multi-family building with up to 12 units.
- 4** You must complete the "I'm Interested" form at CambridgeMA.Gov/CompostPickup.
- 5** We will confirm your eligibility and be in touch this fall with more details.

**Space is limited.
Sign up by December 20, 2013.**

North Cambridge Neighborhood Eligible for the Curbside Compost Pilot Program



**THE
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DO
THE
WORK**

Learn more and sign up at:
CambridgeMA.Gov/CompostPickup

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Heard the good news?

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a Pilot Program for...**

**CURBSIDE
COMPOST
PICKUP!**



Why Compost?

Composting is nature's way of recycling food scraps. Curbside compost pickup is a great way you can reduce waste, protect the climate and help the City control trash costs. Compost is excellent soil used to grow healthy and delicious food. Farming with compost saves water and reduces pesticides. Composting is a good thing and you'll be amazed at how little trash remains!

**COMPOST
THAT STUFF**

Participating Households Will Get:

- ✦ A green kitchen container to collect food scraps and soiled paper
- ✦ A year's supply of Biobags to line your kitchen container
- ✦ A green curbside compost bin (to share at multi-family buildings)
- ✦ Free collection on your normal pickup day by City crews
- ✦ A few requests during the pilot to answer online surveys
- ✦ Finished compost great for gardens at the Recycling Center Apr-Oct during open hours (147 Hampshire St, Tu/Th 4pm-7:30pm & Sa 9am-4pm)



kitchen container (2.5 gallon)

To Avoid Odor...

The kitchen container is ventilated and the BioBags breathe.

This design lets heat escape and moisture evaporate. This lets food scraps dry out, which slows the rotting process and avoids odor!

The curbside bin is a durable plastic bin on wheels with a secure locking lid.



curbside bin (12, 21, or 32 gallon)

Remember, reducing waste is even better than composting.

Whatever food you love, you can reduce waste and save money! Here are some tips to get you started:

- ✦ **Make It Last**
Storing your food the right way in your fridge, freezer and cupboard will keep it fresh longer.
- ✦ **Portion & Plan**
Plan meals, write (and stick to) a shopping list. Get your portions right and eat the food you buy.
- ✦ **Love Your Leftovers**
Use leftovers for lunch or a base for a new meal. Use up produce in smoothies, soups, frittatas, and casseroles.

What Can Be Composted?



- ✓ **All Food Scraps**
Including vegetable & fruit scraps, coffee grounds, meat & bones, dairy, cereal, seafood, eggshells, nutshells, baked goods, candy, and even spoiled food.
- ✓ **All Soiled Paper**
Including used napkins, paper towels, paper bags, coffee filters, tea bags, waxed paper, and paper sandwich wrappers.
- ✓ **Other Compostables**
Including paper and plastic products certified by the US Composting Council, flowers, houseplants, potting soil, wooden clementine boxes, and pet food.



Learn more and sign up at:
CambridgeMA.Gov/CompostPickup

617.349.4815
TTY 617.499.9924

Do Not Compost:

No grease, no liquids, no diapers or baby wipes, no pet or human waste, no plastic bags or plastic, no metal, glass or styrofoam, no cigarette butts, and no dryer lint or dryer sheets.